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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6267**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 96**

**NOTE PREPARED: Feb 1, 2010**

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Prenatal Substance Abuse Commission.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Errington

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill creates the Prenatal Substance Abuse Commission and requires the Commission to develop and recommend a coordinated plan to improve early intervention and treatment for pregnant women who abuse alcohol or drugs or use tobacco. (The Commission was originally created in 2007 and expired December 31, 2009.)

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Summary:* This bill will result in a continuance of expenditures to extend the Prenatal Substance Abuse Commission (PSAC) past its original expiration date to June 30, 2012. The continuing expenditures may include the costs of an interim and final report required by the bill. According to the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) the reporting requirement will be fulfilled with currently existing staff and resources.

The bill will result in new expenditures if members of the PSAC (only those members of the General Assembly) claim reimbursement for per diem, mileage reimbursement, and travel allotments. Previously, no members of the PSAC were entitled to any reimbursement for their service on the Commission.

(Revised) **Additional Background Information:** Commission members who are members of the General Assembly will be entitled to the same per diem, mileage reimbursement, and travel allotment as interim study committees. Members of the Commission who are not members of the General Assembly will not be entitled to per diem or reimbursement of expenses incurred while serving on the Commission. There were no reimbursement claims paid to Commission members during the two years the Commission was active from

2007 to 2009.

The following state agencies are required to have their Commissioner or Director (or their designee) serve on the Commission: (1) State Department of Health, (2) the Division of Mental Health and Addiction, (3) the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning, and (4) the Department of Child Services.

The PSAC is staffed by the ISDH. Since the Commission's creation in 2007, ISDH reported that staffing required a total of 1,340 staff hours, or approximately 450 staffing hours per year. ISDH estimates the Commission created by the bill will meet at least monthly.

The Commission is required to submit an interim and final report during the two years the Commission is authorized to operate. Other costs associated with the Commission resulted from making printed materials available to Commission members. Conference calls were utilized for all meetings, which were held bi-monthly, along with additional meetings of the three PSAC subcommittees.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** ISDH.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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